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## BLAZE OF LIGHT ON SHERMAN WAY

*San Fernando Valley Boulevard Now Illuminated.*

*Automobile Club Attends the Record-Making Event.*

*No Place in the World Has So Much Lighted Highway.*

A blaze of light streaked out along Sherman way in the Fernando Valley for fifteen miles last night when Miss Grace Whitley pressed a button releasing the electric current into the underground circuits that fed the 375 electroliers placed on the boulevard.

The Suburban Homes Company's manager, H. J. Whitley, who designed and managed the construction of Sherman way, in a short speech stated that this boulevard is the first link in the paved Ocean-to-Ocean Highway, and that the miles of street lights turned on last evening are the links in a lighted way from Los Angeles to San Francisco. He also affirmed his belief that in a very few years both projects will be finished.

As in all great enterprises there was slight attention given ceremony and a programme. The lighting of so many miles of highway outside of the city limits being an unusual "good roads event" caused the members of the Automobile Club of Southern California to show their appreciation by responding to invitations to the number of hundreds of machines.

The Van Nuys band, which was recently organized, took occasion to make its first public appearance and received an enthusiastic appreciation.

The members of the United Woman's Clubs of Van Nuys served coffee and sandwiches in abundance and "an enthusiastic appreciation" of their efforts was voiced by all present—several thousand persons. There were about 500 autos on the scene.

When Miss Whitley pressed the button a great cheer arose and an automobile parade then proceeded to Owensmouth, headed by the band, and inspected the fifteen miles of lighted highway.

The Suburban Homes Company's plan has been to construct along Sherman way one of the finest automobile driveways in the State, and in a few weeks—less than a month—the entire road will be illuminated. The contract calls for the installation of 425 electroliers, and of that number 375 have been put in place since last July. After the completion of the paving, curbing, parking, nearly a year was required to investigate and determine on practicable systems, designs and materials for posts, the cost of installation—and no expense has been spared—as well as to overcome other serious obstacles.

All of these lights are located on Sherman way, West Sherman way and North Sherman way. South Sherman way is now paved and the State highway will connect the same with West Sherman way, making in all practically thirty miles of splendidly paved and brilliantly illuminated highway in a continuous circle around the south half of the San Fernando Valley.

When the work is completed over 600 electroliers, erected on substantial cement foundations, will be installed. All wires are laid underground in conduits, which were driven underneath the paved surface of the boulevard, and the surface was not cut or disturbed in anyway.

In Van Nuys, Marian and Owensmouth, electroliers are on all corners of intersecting streets and are surmounted by five large globes. The upright globes in the townsites burn all night. The pendant globes and all lights outside of the townsites burn until 1 a.m. every day.

The entire system is equal in every way to the best installed in any city in the United States and unquestionably is the longest system of lighted highway outside of a city in the world. The total cost of the electroliers and their installation will exceed \$70,000. They were furnished and installed by the Llewellyn Iron Works; the first installation contract being awarded to the Pacific Underground Construction Company, and the second to the Newberry-Bendheim Company, and the third went to B. F. Kierulf & Co. The Southern California Edison Company maintains and furnishes electrical energy for the electroliers, including renewals of lamps and globes, and also the painting and washing of electroliers.